

Checklist of Amphibians and Reptiles of Pinnacles National Park

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Abundance is based on the likelihood of seeing a species in the right habitat and season, without disturbing its shelter by searching under logs, etc. Many species are secretive, so only a small proportion of them are ever seen.

Abundance:

A = Abundant (seen frequently throughout most of the Monument)

C = Common (seen in moderate numbers in most of the Monument)

U = Uncommon (seen in low numbers or limited areas)

R = Rare (species presence verified, but very unlikely to see one)

E = Extirpated (occurred historically)

Common Name	Genus	species	Abundance
California Tiger Salamander	<i>Ambystoma</i>	<i>californiense</i>	R
Ensatina	<i>Ensatina</i>	<i>eschscholtzii</i>	U
Gabilan Slender Salamander	<i>Batrachoseps</i>	<i>gavilanensis</i>	U
Arboreal Salamander	<i>Aneides</i>	<i>lugubris</i>	U
Western Spadefoot	<i>Spea</i>	<i>hammondii</i>	R
Western Toad	<i>Bufo</i>	<i>boreas</i>	C
Pacific Treefrog	<i>Hyla</i>	<i>regilla</i>	C
American Bullfrog	<i>Rana</i>	<i>catesbiana</i>	E*
California Red-legged Frog	<i>Rana</i>	<i>draytonii</i>	U
Foothill Yellow-legged Frog	<i>Rana</i>	<i>boylei</i>	E
Southern Pacific Pond Turtle	<i>Clemmys</i>	<i>marmorata pallida</i>	R
Western Fence Lizard	<i>Sceloporus</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>	A
Common Side-blotched Lizard	<i>Uta</i>	<i>stansburiana</i>	A
Coast Horned Lizard	<i>Phrynosoma</i>	<i>coronatum</i>	C
Desert Night Lizard	<i>Xantusia</i>	<i>vigilis</i>	R
Gilbert's Skink	<i>Eumeces</i>	<i>gilberti</i>	U
California Whiptail	<i>Cnemidophorus</i>	<i>tigris mundus</i>	A
Southern Alligator Lizard	<i>Elgaria</i>	<i>multicarinata</i>	U
Silvery Legless Lizard	<i>Anniella</i>	<i>pulchra pulchra</i>	R
Ring-necked Snake	<i>Diadophis</i>	<i>punctatus</i>	U
Sharp-tailed Snake	<i>Contia</i>	<i>tenuis</i>	R
San Joaquin Coachwhip	<i>Masticophis</i>	<i>flagellum ruddocki</i>	U
California Striped Racer	<i>Masticophis</i>	<i>lateralis lateralis</i>	C
Western Yellow-bellied Racer	<i>Coluber</i>	<i>constrictor mormon</i>	R
Gophersnake	<i>Pituophis</i>	<i>catenifer</i>	C
Common Kingsnake	<i>Lampropeltis</i>	<i>getula</i>	U
Long-nosed Snake	<i>Rhinocheilus</i>	<i>lecontei</i>	R
Common Gartersnake	<i>Thamnophis</i>	<i>sirtalis</i>	C
Diablo Range Gartersnake	<i>Thamnophis</i>	<i>atratus zaxanthus</i>	R
Two-striped Gartersnake	<i>Thamnophis</i>	<i>hammondii</i>	E?*
Western Black-headed Snake	<i>Tantilla</i>	<i>planiceps</i>	R
Nightsnake	<i>Hypsiglena</i>	<i>torquata</i>	U
Western Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus</i>	<i>viridis</i>	C

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***American Bullfrog inhabits neighboring lands and could re-invade Pinnacles.**

****No confirmed records exist for Two-striped Gartersnake at Pinnacles.**